

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending and rejected in this application. Claims 1, 14 and 19 are amended hereby. Responsive to the Examiners rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, Applicants have amended claims 1, 14 and 19 to recite that the fishing net has two band openings, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-20 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the foregoing rejection.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1-20 are definite and do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Therefore, the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095,

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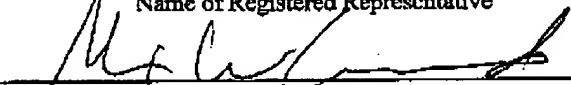
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